

# ***TREE SAFETY***





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- Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember:



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- A tree is fresh if the needles are hard to pull from the branches.
- When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break.
- The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin.
- A shower of falling needles shows that the tree is too dry.

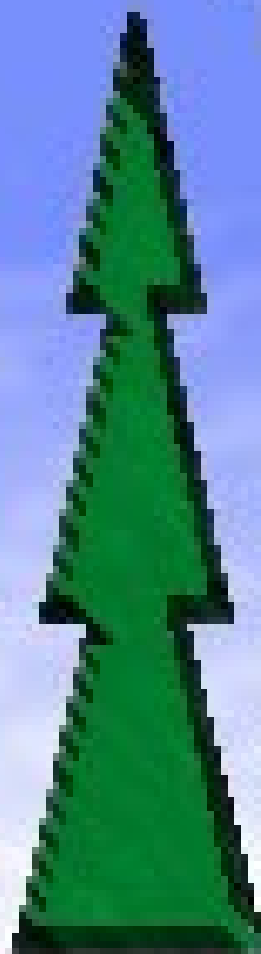


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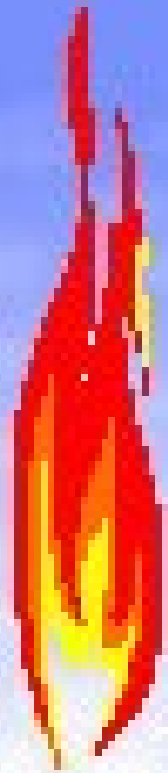
- Place trees away from fireplaces, radiators, and other heat sources.
- Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors.
- Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways.
- Keep a fire extinguisher handy in the tree area.
- Remove the tree promptly if it becomes dry.



**Cut greenery will dry out and be prone to fire. Check it often and replace when branches break instead of bend.**



Redcedar



Spruce



Leyland cypress



Balsam fir



Fraser fir



Most flammable

Least flammable

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